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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
WITH  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits this Request for Continued Examination with amendment and remarks and Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132. Applicant also requests concurrently a two-month extension of time to extend the period for timely submission of this Request to October 5, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests that this application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and remarks set out as follows:

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### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents for a one-month extension of time to extend the period for responding to the Office Action to Monday, September 6, 2004.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF FEES

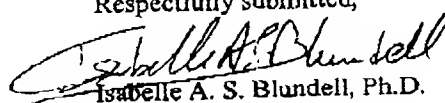
Applicant authorizes the payment of fees due with this submission as designated below or of any additional fee to Deposit Account 07-1074.

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2-month extension	1.17(a)(2)	1252/2252	430.00
Request for continued examination	1.17(c)	1801/2801	790.00
		Total	\$1220.00

### CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this submission and kindly requests favorable reconsideration of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,



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